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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-21, 23-29, and 31-36 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the obviousness-type double patenting rejection in view of Applicants' arguments.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14, 21, 23-29, and 31-36 as being indefinite. Applicants have responsively amended the claims to obviate this rejection.

Applicants thus contend that all claims are allowable as presently presented.

No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 § ¶2

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14, 21, 23-29, and 31-36, under 35 U.S.C. § 112 § ¶2, as being indefinite in view of various recitations. Applicants have responsively amended the claims to obviate these rejections as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the inadvertent word "ration."

Claims 2, 12, 21, and 29 have been amended to delete the phrase "naphthenic petroleum base stocks."

Claims 2, 12, 21, and 29 have been further amended to recite "polyol esters" in place of "glycol esters."

Claims 2, 21, and 29 have been further amended to recite "Toluene" in place of "tolune."

Claims 2, 12, 21, and 29 have been further amended to delete the redundant phrase "unsaturated C₁₀-C₂₄ branched or straight chain fatty acids."

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Claims 5 and 15 have been amended to deleted one copy of the repeated term "pentaerythritol."

Claims 5 and 15 have been further amended to recite "polyethoxylated alcohols" in place of "polyethylated alcohols." Support for the amendment can be found in original claim 32, which recites "polyethoxylated alcohols" as exemplary polyhydroxy compounds (polyols).

Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 § ¶2 in view of the subject amended claims.

Applicants particularly thank the Examiner for her constructive meticulous and thoughtful review of the claim language, which was helpful and greatly appreciated.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Response and Amendment, and allowance of all claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-21, 23-29, and 31-36. The Examiner is encouraged to phone Applicants' attorney, Barry L. Davison, to resolve any outstanding issues and expedite allowance of this application.

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